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John P. CARULLI et al. ) **BOX SEQUENCE**  
Application No. <sup>09/578900</sup> (Unassigned) ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Filed: May 26, 2000 ) Examiner: Unassigned  
For: REGULATING LIPID LEVELS VIA )  
THE ZMAX1 OR HBM GENE )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This application is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/543,771 filed April 5, 2000 and Application No. 09/544,398 filed April 5, 2000, which are continuation-in-part applications of Application No. 09/229,319, filed January 13, 1999, which claims benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/071,449, filed January 13, 1998, and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/105,511, filed October 23, 1998, all of which are herein incorporated by reference in their entirety.

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified Application as follows: